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It will be warmer today.

## BLAINE'S ATTITUDE.

It appears from the gossip dispatch from Washington this morning that the politicians are playing a game of hide-and-seek with the presidential nomination. If it be true that Mr. Blaine has reiterated the contents of his letter to Mr. Clarkson, written in February, it ought to settle once for all the speculation now rife as to the outcome of the Minneapolis convention. If Mr. Blaine says with emphasis that he shall not be a candidate then it is enthusiasm run mad to provide further belief that he will finally accept. Mr. Blaine can have the nomination if he will. He towers above all and every candidate in point of popularity and his name will excite the wildest demonstrations of delight wherever mentioned in a republican gathering of representative men. In the city of New York last evening he appeared before a delegation of newspaper men in all the vigor of sturdy manhood. He expressed himself in clear but cautious language, and aroused the enthusiasm of all about him by exciting the hope that he will get to be the standard bearer of his party. In spite of these favorable aspects of the case, the people are confronted with his solemn assurance that he does not want to be nominated. If he will have it, if not, then President Harrison will be renominated.

## RUSSIAN NIBBLERS.

Profiting by their past failures, the nihilists have adopted new and more menacing bonds of secrecy under which to plot against their odious ruler. The strength of the oppressed can never be lighted by resort to secret conspiracy and violent attempts upon the lives of the oppressors. The bomb and railway obstruction have never aided the cause of civil liberty, and never will. To beget fear and apprehension serves only to invite extreme measures for repression and punishment. In these the innocent suffer with the guilty. Suffering and horrors are but the fruits of unlawful violence. If the nihilists shall strike at systems rather than men, and do it above board, the world's sentiment will be enlisted in sympathy with them. But to secretly plan the death of a tyrannical monarch, and in executing that plan to imperil the lives of inoffending countrymen, the condemnation of the world is sure to follow. Let the nihilists forewear the use of dynamite and brave no greater danger than to insist on redress for long-endured hardships, and the world will turn a yielding ear to their sufferings and compel a radical concession from the czar, who now oppresses more through fear and the instinct of self-protection than from inborn cruelty or a vicious disposition. Either this and patient suffering until their rights are secured or else an open rebellion waged for home and liberty. The espionage practiced by the government may seem to render either course impracticable if not impossible, but dynamite and outwits are poor substitutes for the impossible. Nihilism in Russia may have some apology, but it is as offensive as present revealed as anarchy in our own country.

## BURN IN VALLEY.

"We fail to keep pace in our judgments," says Henry Clews, "with the modern quicker pace of events, and therefore the degree of recovery already attained from the break-up of 1907-08 is very imperfectly appreciated. This tardiness of comprehension has not, however, prevented the facts from finding expression in market values; but because some do not understand the causes of the improvement, they conclude that the rise in values is premature. But nevertheless, although the market may be acting upon a false theory of the situation, it is not to be denied that they have lately had the upper hand; and their success must be respected. A vigorous 'bear' campaign, however, usually culminates in an upward reaction, and if the over-riding is carried to excess, naturally an upward reaction follows. The present danger of large short sales and the hope of holders lie in the possibility of just such an over-doing. The current terms for borrowing a wide range of stocks indicate an unusually large 'short' interest outstanding. From present symptoms, therefore, it is not impossible that the 'bears' may find it wise to moderate their attacks. When that stage has been reached, the other side will have a chance of showing what surprises it has in reserve; and we advise moderate buying until the next drift in

the tide plainly shows itself. Daily in our operations for the coming week will prove the safest and most profitable."

## EXTRAORDINARY BILL.

Our German cousin stand amazed in the presence of the untrained prodigality of their eccentric king. The Hohenzollerns have inherent in their blood a tendency toward the extravagant, whether in the midst of the excitement of war or in the calm of profound peace. The royal nix who now holds the scepter seems determined to emphasize this family characteristic in the lavish expenditure of 300,000 marks for a sumptuous private railway train, a variable palace on wheels, and a like enormous sum for a Norwegian castle, or block house, surrounded by a magnificent park. The emperor of Germany unites in his character the odious qualities of Charles II and Louis XI. His English grandmother is a shining example of royal farightedness in the matter of revenues. But she is sufficiently wise to know her people will pay a snug sum to the sovereigns who keep their hearts free from a thirst for power. The Hanovers were brought to England with that very idea. A desire for political power and plethora coffers may run up a debt that will stagger with awe the already amazed subjects of William, whose lavishness is as unbounded as his schemes are unstable.

## NEW REVENUE CUTTER.

It is more than probable that within a few weeks the government will authorize the building of a revenue cutter to replace that caricature of a modern war vessel, the Andrew Johnson. For more than a quarter of a century this side wheel steamer has done service on the lakes as a war vessel. Built on a now obsolete plan, it is astonishing the amount of actual service this vessel has done. During the last six and a half years the Andrew Johnson has cruised 82,533 miles, has men have boarded 8105 vessels, seized 453 vessels, from which penalties aggregating \$107,143 were collected. The vessel to replace the Andrew Johnson will measure 450 tons displacement, will be 130 feet long, 30 feet beam, and will cost not less than \$150,000, or the amount of the appropriation yet to be agreed to by the house. It will be a two-masted screw propelled, with a minimum speed of not less than fifteen knots per hour. In all respects it will be a first-class modern revenue cutter and will be built just within the treaty provisions of 1817. The lake commerce has grown so enormously that it is little short of ridiculous to expect one vessel to do the work of five, and to this extent it would seem that that number of cutters could be profitably put into service.

One of the handsomest invitations issued by the Furniture Men's association is that sent out requesting the attendance of dealers, as guests of the local body, at the meeting of the National association to be held here July 12-13. The committee are made up exclusively of enterprising and enthusiastic manufacturers and capitalists, but the press, which is to give the meeting more attention and notoriety than any other agency, is omitted from the list. This is probably due to an oversight, which the press will pass over without a second thought and give the big meeting, and the newspaper men who will come here to report its proceedings, a cordial and sincere welcome.

The Lake Carriers' association of Cleveland has adopted a memorial to the United States senate, protesting against the proposed reduction of the item in the river and harbor bill for the deep water channel. Grand Rapids people have no cause to protest against the reduction of the item for the improvement of Grand river.

Only under the refined and chastening influences of nineteenth century civilization would a cultured public be found that would gorge itself on \$2,000,000 worth of nauseous cable dispatches concerning the notorious Deeming. Yet this is the price that the great London dailies paid for the columns they have published.

The Inter Ocean sagely remarks that Chicago has law enough if it were enforced. Chicago is very much like other cities in that respect. If the money and time spent in enforcing new laws were devoted to the enforcement of the old, city governments would be revolutionized—but it will never happen.

So completely have the New Orleans street car strikers mastered the situation that the despatches announce that a "car is a curiosity" on the streets. There have been times in other cities under like circumstances when the street cars were more than a curiosity, attracting more attention than a circus.

Eleven young ladies have mailed to Russia to distribute funds to the famine sufferers; but no notice has been received of any young ladies sailing for Russia to aid the flood sufferers. The hunger of the poor foreigner is always more intense than that of the starving native, you know.

It has cost nearly three million dollars to make the street car service of Grand Rapids what it is, but there is nobody who will say that the result obtained is not worth the millions expended—not even the stockholders.

At least a thousand of Victor Hugo's old letters were found the other day, no one knowing of their existence previous to the discovery. Perhaps this was the class from which Clarkson got his idea of the bogus Grant letter.

Spain has removed the prohibition against the importation of American pork. Step by step the American boy

advances with the American heires in securing the endorsement of European monarchies.

Now that Sen Small has joined the Farmer's Alliance in Georgia, it may be expected that he will drop his socks and announce himself as a candidate for congress.

"The lower lake region" is respectfully informed that no rain has fallen for the past twenty-four hours.

## TRIBUTE TO GEN. PIERCE.

It has not been entirely unnoted sailing at the Soldiers' home in Grand Rapids under the present administration. Captain Manly of Ann Arbor was hardly installed as commander when embarrasments and disagreements set in between him and the quartermaster, resulting in his dismissal. And now the same quartermaster is in trouble, charged by an inmate with furnishing the soldiers oleomargarine in violation of the state law. Quartermaster Shank was arrested on Tuesday under this charge, and he will be examined on the 31st. It must be said that the republicans, with that gallant soldier, Gen. B. R. Pierce, in command at the home, conducted it much more satisfactorily.—Jackson Star.

## AMUSEMENTS.

"Muldoon's Picnic" is the attraction at Redmond's for this week, which is the concluding week of the season. They claim it is a new version, and it is; so are the people who try at playing it. The audience on Sunday evening was in a constant merry mood. The first matinee will be given today.

Manager Smith has some unusually strong twins in the olio, which was presented at his theater last evening. Loretta was his premier card, and the daring artist was given an enthusiastic reception. Matinee will be in order tomorrow, Friday and Saturday. It is now fitting to say a word about Manager Burroughs. His friends who are regulars are one in accord that he should have a benefit. He deserves one. He has ever been courteous, obliging and even self-sacrificing, even under perplexing and trying circumstances. All men and women and children who are patrons of this theater will unite in testifying that they have been treated at all times with polite consideration, and good order has always been the rule. Manager Burroughs has been persistent in the enforcement of this rule. It would be an oversight in this connection not to express the gratitude of the newspaper men who are under obligations, for the ever prevalent courtesy of this truly genial manager. For the same pleasant considerations Mr. Burroughs' reliable assistants, Treasurer DeLamater and Head Door-tender Ellis Gray, are deserving of kindly recognition for many favors and courtesies. Now let Mr. Burroughs name the date of his benefit.

## SWEET VOICED SINGERS.

The Henschels score a fine triumph in Hartman's. Mr. and Mrs. Georg Henschel sang at Hartman hall last night. There were many who did not know it. Those who attended enjoyed a treat not often afforded music lovers in this city. The recital was unique from one point of view. It is seldom that vocal stars appear before the world as acknowledged husband and wife. There was another peculiarity. Mr. Henschel played the accompaniments, essaying the double role of vocalist and accompanist. The program was a good one, including songs from Cimarosa, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, List, Schubert, Bonieud, Schumann and others. Mrs. Henschel was very well received. Her voice is not powerful, but it is sweet and her art is great. Mr. Henschel has a baritone of wonderful quality and his enunciation is perfect. Nothing finer has ever been heard here than his version of "The Bird-King," as presented last night. In the double numbers they were particularly happy in the "duettos," and the closing number, the duetto ballad from "Don Pasquale."

## SOLDIERS' HOME EXERCISES.

How Memorial Day Will Be Observed by Veterans.

Memorial Day will be observed at the Soldiers' home by the two commands of Union Veterans' union with appropriate exercises. At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon a return from will form at the home in the following order: H. N. Strong command No. 63, W. P. Innis command No. 41, John A. Logan post G. A. R. No. 1, veterans of the home, fifty school children and citizens. They will go to the cemetery and on reaching the monument an address will be delivered by Judge M. Brown of Big Rapids. Music will be furnished by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fyfe and two others yet to be secured. Commandant of the day, W. P. Innis, will act as president of the day. W. P. Innis command has had a very pretty Memorial Day badge made for the occasion. It contains a picture of General Innis, after whom the command was named.

## Surprised at Talmage.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyrdon of Talmage, Ottawa county but formerly of this city, were surprised by a number of their friends and neighbors May 22, the occasion being the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. Among those present were their sons and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wright and family of Talmage, Mr. and Mrs. George Burch and family of Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. F. Waldron and family of Cherry street and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyrdon of Hogdon's avenue and Misses Nellie and Hattie Hyrdon. After a splendid lunch the guests took their leave, wishing the happy couple many more years of married life, and leaving many handsome and useful presents to remind them of the happy occasion.

## New York for Cleveland.

The Hon. E. T. Ransom of Niagara Falls, on his return from a trip in the west, spent Sunday with his brother, O. C. Ransom. He is a strong Cleveland democrat, and is active in politics in western New York. He says Cleveland has a strong following in that state west of the Hudson river.

## Fell from a Scaffold.

John C. Robinson, a carpenter employed on a building near the corner of Eleventh and Scribner streets, sustained a severe fracture of one of his limbs by falling from a scaffold yesterday morning. He was taken to St. Mark's hospital in the ambulance.

## Smashed His Wheel.

Yesterday noon W. A. McLaughlin, while riding a bicycle on West Bridge street, had a collision with a horse driven by Mr. C. B. Clark. Mr. McLaughlin escaped injury, but his wheel was badly demolished.

## LIFE IN THE CAMP

Mrs. Custer Talks of Garrison Life on the Plains

## ITS JOYS AND HARDSHIPS

How the Wives of the Army Officers Endured the Dull Routines of Camp Life in the Far West.

Nearly every seat in the Ladies' Literary club house was taken before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the hour assigned for the opening of the lecture by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of the famous and gallant soldier whose life was sacrificed at the Little Big Horn. The stage was beautifully draped with the national flag, and was further adorned with red and white tulips.

Mrs. Custer is a modest, unassuming little woman, and she speaks without any attempt at sensational effect. She was attired in a simple gown of black with white collar and cuffs. She wore black gloves and a bunch of white roses. She announced the subject of the lecture as a talk upon "Garrison Life," and proceeded directly to the point. She said that she had been married under the auspices of Mrs. Osterhout's "Ten" of the Park Congregational church.

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stick a cane or umbrella into the water as it comes over and falls 108 feet upon the pile of great boulders below. A sensation of dizziness overcomes one as he looks down into the great rushing mass of water as it comes over the falls. It is a little more than a mile from the falls to the upper end of a long inclined tunnel, in which the government operates a line of cable cars, carrying passengers below for 10 cents. The ride is steep and a timid person feels all at once that time for fear the cable will break, but we arrived safely at the bottom. By climbing over a rough path we stood almost under the great falls, where the mist fell like heavy spray. The roar of the water was great that you can hardly hear a yell a few feet away. Arret was returned to the platform an official showed where Captain Webb went over the falls in a barrel, only to lose his life in the rapids below. He said it had been reported that one man went over the falls safely and lived, but the officials there always doubt it.

After leaving the falls we entered a carriage and were taken to the rapids, a half mile or so down the river. The river roars and rushes through a deep canon, with the banks rising up like great walls of rock over a hundred feet high. The only way to get down to the water from the top of the banks is by means of private elevators and chutes. We went down and down until it seemed as if we never would stop, but were finally let out of the cage at the water's edge. They place the victims upon a rock or a collection of rocks, with a big white sheet for a background so that nothing else is taken. Then, by means of some process, they can place the group on a rock above or below the falls, on Goat Island, at the mouth of the river, or anywhere else, just as if they had been shot at all those places.

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## WHAT IS THE BEST

Mr. Shaafi Discusses Different Paving Materials

## BUFFALO LEADS THE WORLD

It Has More Miles of Asphalt Pavement Than Any Other City—The Rapid Improvement of Our Streets.

S. R. Shaafi of the Warren Shaafi Asphalt Paving company returned to Washington last night. Mr. Shaafi has been in the city for a few days looking after the company's interests here. At the Morton last evening, while chatting about the paving business with a reporter for THE HERALD, he said: "I have seen statements lately that Paris had more asphalt pavement than any other city in the world. This is a mistake. Both Buffalo and Washington have more square yards of asphalt than Paris. Buffalo has about a hundred miles and keeps putting it down all the time."

"I think the American cities are giving more attention to the paving of their streets than they ever did before. American streets have been sadly neglected and this was painfully true in New York. Good pavements of any sort were scarce. It is a difficult matter to lay a good pavement and it is a question that every city ought to investigate thoroughly. The material which the pavement is laid in is the test of its durability. The best paving material to be had will avail nothing if it isn't put down in a scientific manner. That is one reason that many people have been prejudiced against asphalt. They have seen it where it had not been laid properly. Now, in my opinion asphalt is the ideal paving material. It is durable, elastic, and can easily be replaced. If properly laid, its concrete foundation ought to last forever; then when the asphalt itself wears out it could be replaced at a small expense—only about a dollar and a half a yard. Another feature about asphalt paving is that it ought to be kept clean. The less dirt there is on it the better it will wear."

"Last year we put down about 50,000 yards of the pavement and shall put down as much or more this year. We intend to take all the contracts we can fulfill. It takes an immense amount of asphalt to lay 100,000 yards of pavement. The quantity of asphalt imported from Trinidad every year is enormous, but there is no danger of the supply's ever giving out. All of that material in this country comes from there. There are no deposits in this country. There are some pitchy deposits in Kentucky or Tennessee, but the stuff resembles crude petroleum more than it does asphalt. It is of little value in paving. The Trinidad asphalt is the only serviceable kind. From all indications there will be more asphalt pavement laid this season than ever before. We shall put more on the work that will be done in Grand Rapids this year."

## Notes from the Hotels.

Judge M. Brown of Big Rapids was a guest at the Morton yesterday. He was on his way home from Washington, where he had won a case before the supreme court.

I. W. Cobbs, the Cadillac lumberman, is at the Morton.

Jesse Church, the well-known Greenville banker, is a guest at Sweet's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henschel were guests at the Morton during their brief experience in Grand Rapids.

S. W. Stein of Allegan and G. T. Miller of Hastings dined at Sweet's yesterday.

The work of laying the tile in the annex to the office at Sweet's was begun yesterday. It will be completed this week.

## DIED IN THE HOSPITAL.

William Conrad Suddenly Expires at St. Mark's.

William H. Conrad died at St. Mark's hospital yesterday morning. Mr. Conrad had been suffering from an intestinal abscess for some time, and his attending physicians had informed him that it was of a serious nature, and if it was not removed it would soon burst. He was removed to St. Mark's hospital under the advice of his physicians. He went to St. Mark's hospital Saturday morning for the purpose of having the operation performed. In the afternoon Dr. Boice, Schulz and Lupinski laid open the abdominal cavity, with the intention of removing the troublesome abscess or tumor. On examination they discovered the disease to be of a more serious nature than was anticipated and that its removal would cause instant death; therefore the operation at that time was abandoned. The intestines were in a state of intense inflammation, which must have been in progress for several months. The inflammation was so great that adhesion of the intestines was noticed in several places. When it was found to be impossible to remove the difficulty with safety, the incision was stitched together and the patient was left feeling quite comfortable. He continued to improve until yesterday morning, when he was taken suddenly worse and soon died. An examination after death revealed the fact that the abscess had broken, and its contents had filled the abdominal cavity, causing death, as he had been warned it would do by his physicians. The deceased was one of the best known furniture men in this city. He was 35 years old and had worked for a number of years for the Warden Furniture company as a bookkeeper and principal assistant to Mr. Warden. He was highly respected by his employers and Mr. Warden was his father-in-law. About two months ago he removed to Newwaygo with his wife and two little children. His sudden death was a sad surprise to his family and many friends in the city. A short time before the examination for an operation was made he said he suffered from his ailment much more than his friends were aware of, as he had complained as little as possible.

Dr. Boice, who assisted at the operation, has been in poor health for some time, and in pursuance to a long contemplated vacation, left last evening for Fortuna Monroe, where he will remain for ten days.

## ADJOURNED TILL OCTOBER.

The Ministers' Conference Closes Its Annual Session.

The Rev. A. E. Wells opened the ministerial conference with a chapter of scripture yesterday and the Rev. T. G. Smith led in prayer.

parts of sermons and a free discussion on all practical, moral, social and reformatory questions, but no votes shall be taken on controversial questions, personal, local, political or denominational. Adopted. The Rev. E. C. Crawford was about to celebrate his golden wedding, and on motion of the Rev. T. G. Smith it was decided to hold the next meeting of the conference informally at the Rev. Crawford's residence Tuesday, June 7, on the date of his golden jubilee.

The reading of an interesting paper by the Rev. Mr. Wells, followed by a commendatory and appreciative discussion on the subject of the reading, "Meditation on the Resurrection." The conference then adjourned to the first Monday in October, when Prof. Brewster will deliver a lecture.

## ASSAULTED BY "HOBOS."

Patrolman Tatro Knocked Senseless with Stones.

The notorious "hobo" gang have added another to their already long list of acts of wanton wickedness. Last night about 11:30 Patrolman Tatro, while on duty on West No. 19, interfered in a fight between two members of the gang near the corner of Eighth and Veto streets. He arrested the participants and had the handcuffs on one of them when he was struck from behind with a stone, causing a bad scalp wound. Tatro stuck to his man until he received another stone in the forehead, which rendered him unconscious. Before Patrolman Pomeroy, who was on the next beat, could respond to his call the prisoners had made good their escape, taking Tatro's handcuffs, hat and club with them.

The wagon was driven